

Today, I am introducing a resolution to allow for a tribute in the Capitol to Frank Buckles as the representative of all World War I veterans during the 112th Congress. As the longest surviving veteran, Frank represents nearly 4.5 million U.S. soldiers, sailors, and airmen who joined forces with over 37 million Allied soldiers to defeat the Central Powers. These men witnessed atrocities such as gas warfare that were unprecedented at the time. Each and every serviceman made his own significant contribution to the war effort that cannot be understated. This generation of dynamic young men was able to alter the course of history for the betterment of each and every one of us here today. Frank, like many young men of this time, worked hard to enlist and serve his country, and in doing so helped to change our world.

As America's last surviving veteran of the First World War, Mr. Buckles represents our final link to a generation that built a legacy as the defenders of the free world in the first large-scale global conflict. I can promise you that his legacy and the legacy of all veterans will live on forever in the ideals and values that make America the strongest nation in the world. I appreciate the bipartisan support of our cosponsors and hope more will join our effort to honor such a special veteran.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 5. Mr. BLUNT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 223, to modernize the air traffic control system, improve the safety, reliability, and availability of transportation by air in the United States, provide modernization of the air traffic control system, reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 6. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 223, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 8. Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. KIRK, and Mrs. BOXER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 223, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 9. Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. WEBB) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 223, supra.

SA 10. Mr. LAUTENBERG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 223, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 14. Mr. WICKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 223, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 15. Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 223, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 16. Mr. WYDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 223, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 17. Mr. TOOMEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 223, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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On page 311, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

#### SEC. 733. APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE SECURITY SCREENING OPT-OUT PROGRAM.

Section 44920(b) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking "The Under Secretary may approve any application submitted under subsection (a)." and inserting "Not later than 30 days after receiving an application submitted under subsection (a), the Under Secretary shall approve the application."

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At the end of title VII, insert the following:

#### SECTION 732. LIABILITY PROTECTION FOR CERTAIN VOLUNTEER PILOTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Volunteer Pilot Organization Protection Act of 2011".

(b) FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.—

(1) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(A) Many volunteer pilot nonprofit organizations fly for public benefit and provide valuable services to communities and individuals.

(B) In calendar year 2006, volunteer pilot nonprofit organizations provided long-distance, no-cost transportation for more than 58,000 people during times of special need.

(C) Such nonprofit organizations are no longer able to purchase non-owned aircraft liability insurance to provide liability protection at a reasonable price, and therefore face a highly detrimental liability risk.

(D) Such nonprofit organizations have supported the homeland security of the United States by providing volunteer pilot services during times of national emergency.

(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to promote the activities of volunteer pilot nonprofit organizations that fly for public benefit and to sustain the availability of the services that such nonprofit organizations provide, including the following:

(A) Transportation at no cost to financially needy medical patients for medical treatment, evaluation, and diagnosis.

(B) Flights for humanitarian and charitable purposes.

(C) Other flights of compassion.

(c) LIABILITY PROTECTION FOR VOLUNTEER PILOT NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT FLY FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT AND TO PILOTS AND STAFF OF SUCH NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.—Section 4 of the Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 14503) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(4)—

(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively;

(B) by striking "the harm" and inserting "(A) except in the case of subparagraph (B), the harm";

(C) in subparagraph (A)(ii), as redesignated by this paragraph, by striking the period at the end and inserting "and"; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

"(B) the volunteer—

"(i) was operating an aircraft in furtherance of the purpose of a volunteer pilot nonprofit organization that flies for public benefit; and

"(ii) was properly licensed and insured for the operation of such aircraft."; and

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) by striking "Nothing in this section" and inserting the following:

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), nothing in this section"; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

"(2) EXCEPTION.—A volunteer pilot nonprofit organization that flies for public benefit, the staff, mission coordinators, officers, and directors (whether volunteer or otherwise) of such nonprofit organization, and a referring agency of such nonprofit organization shall not be liable for harm caused to any person by a volunteer of such nonprofit organization while such volunteer—

"(A) is operating an aircraft in furtherance of the purpose of such nonprofit organization;

"(B) is properly licensed for the operation of such aircraft; and

"(C) has certified to such nonprofit organization that such volunteer has insurance covering the volunteer's operation of such aircraft.".

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On page 230, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following: